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1. On 17 August 1947, the Ziethen Kaserne in Potsdam contained three armored brigades composed as follows:

- 4 tanks (one company - this was not full strength; missing tanks were being repaired)
- 4 companies (one battalion)
- 2 battalions (one regiment)
- 2 regiments (one brigade)

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Comment: In July this source reported the presence of 25 officers and 2,000 men commanded by Colonel Grumikov at the Potsdam Artillerie Kaserne. In August, he stated that these were troops for 16 battalions of 105 mm light field artillery and, later, that this was a special unit.

2. Also on 17 August, 103 Infantry Regiment was at the Potsdam Sued-Kaserne. Not specifically located in Potsdam, but on hand on the same date, was the 428 Engineer Regiment of the First Army. Staff of First Army is distributed over Potsdam, Babelsberg, Klein Machnow and the former UFA settlement. In command of First Army is General Yuliga.

3. As of 1 September, units of an army designated as "Army Stalingrad" began to arrive in Potsdam. On that date, four infantry divisions and one engineer regiment had arrived. This army is commanded by General Kvaternikov.

4. General Katikov commands the 328th Corps.

5. Up to 15 August, 11,000 of the expected 25,000 troops had arrived in Potsdam. These men arrived in civilian clothes, were put into uniform and distributed to various units throughout the Russian Zone. At late, this source claimed troops in Germany have been replaced every three months.

6. On 17 August this source observed the arrival of 5,000 armored troops

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with 200 T-34 tanks numbered 1-82-83 to 1-84-83. Half of these troops were sent toward Frankfurt/Oder the next day; the other half remained in Potsdam as replacements. According to a Soviet officer, the shipment came from a camp near Stalino.

7. Among units stationed in Potsdam are the 6th Tank Brigade, an AA division, and an artillery division.

Gotha

8. Located in Gotha on 12 August:

Hq, Second Army	Major General Unski
473rd Division	?
3 Air Force Squadrons	Colonel Metshishvitz

9. Arrived in Gotha on 3 September:

760th Infantry Division	12,400 EM, 180 officers
AA division from Moscow	11,108 EM, 250 officers

10. Arrived in Kreis Gotha on 7 September:

98th Engineer Regiment	1,600 EM, 78 officers
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11. Arrived in Gotha on 17 September:

120th Signal Corps Regiment	1,430 EM, 54 officers
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Magdeburg

12. Arrived on 4 September:

72nd Infantry Division	10,260 EM, 186 officers
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13. Magdeburg contains Fifth Army headquarters, the main ration dump and the main shipping base for the region. A source in Soviet employ states that some supplies come via Gleiwitz (J-83) where they are shipped via the Oder, Oder-Spree Canal, Havel Canal, Havel, and the Elbe. Personnel of these ships are former German marines.

Erfurt (J36)

14. Arrived on 7 September:

908th Infantry Division	5,140 EM, 225 officers
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15. General Kvashin, stationed in Erfurt, is chief of the Transportation Administration for Thuringia. All troop and dismantled equipment transports are under his command. Subordinate to him are the following:

Colonel Mamayev	Saalfeld	Captain Kosterov	Nordhausen
Lt Col Lambartkava	Eisenach	Captain Ossipov	Erfurt
Major Moltshanov	Gera	Lt Tunilov	Meiningen
Major Brovenko	Weissenfeld		

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6. Numerous vehicles observed between Gera and Jena were prefaced by the letter E.
7. A staff in Pößneck, designated as "Vermessungs-Stab 481/91" was responsible for organizational work dealing with maneuvers held during the past few weeks. The command section of this staff, Major or Lt Col Baranovski in charge, was shifted to Gera on 28 August. Troops involved in the maneuvers are now in the Bautzen area.

Arnstadt (J25)

8. Further maneuvers are expected to take place in the Arnstadt area in late October with 30,000 men participating. This figure, supplied by a Soviet billeting officer, was confirmed by an official in the Economic Section, who stated that October meat rations for this number had been ordered.

Saalfeld (J53)

9. The commander at Saalfeld is Major Abramovitch.
20. In mid-August, there were 2,000 infantrymen, equipped with medium mortars, in Saalfeld.

Gardelegen (Y44)

21. In late August, in Gardelegen proper, there were 2,000 troops with 180 mm mortars. An AA unit of 2,000 to 2,500 men was quartered in the Luftwaffe Kaserne two kilometers northwest of the town. Among the equipment were twenty German 88 mm AA guns.
22. Also in late August, an Army corps occupied the restricted area Gardelegen - Hillersleben (Y51) - Uchtspringe (Y64). Two separate informants state that armored units in this area arrived from Poland about 13 August. Their equipment included 200 to 250 T-34's and approximately 500 Tiger tanks, the latter without mounted cannon.

Dresden

23. It is expected that some SMA Karlshorst sections will be transferred to Dresden and based in the Markgrafen Schloss.

Perleberg (T70)

24. On 22 August, 180 aircraft and 340 men arrived at Perleberg airfield. On or about the same date, the 21st Tank Brigade arrived to replace another tank brigade, commanded by Colonel Rushyev, which was shifted to Isborsk, Latvia.

Küstrin (V66)

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25. [REDACTED] who appears well informed, troops formerly based in Küstrin, Freienwalde, Eberswalde, Werneuchen and Straussberg, have been transferred to Yalta. Replacing them is a motorized-mechanized corps commanded by General Kotashkov with its staff in Küstrin. Among other units, the following belong to this corps:

4th Tank Brigade	1	unidentified artillery division
12th Tank Brigade	2	" motorized infantry regts
18th Tank Brigade	2	" AA divisions
	2	" transportation companies
		65 bomber aircraft
		240 fighter aircraft

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